

Hello CRHA Members and fellow Reiners,

First off, I would like to say a big thank you to all of those that sponsored and attended the CRHA Challenge Reining this year! Due to **everyone's** efforts, the show proved to be a HUGE success! We went from questioning whether or not we could even host the show, to show days lasting as late as 11:30 at night! The Saturday night exhibitor's dinner was delicious and the dog races proved to be exciting and hilarious for the second year in a row! I think they are here to stay! Once again the Pro/Am competition proved to be popular as well! The CRHA 2011 Board of Directors and its sponsors was so glad it could provide you with not only a competitive horse show, but a fun horse show! We feel the two should go hand in hand. I want to thank again 'Dr. Dirt' Doug Porcello for his tireless efforts working the ground in the Equidome day in and day out at the show. We all feel he played a huge part in the success of the show. I also feel the need to thank Marilyn Scheffers. She really turned our Sponsorship Committee around and worked so hard at gaining support and sponsors for the show! She donated a lot of her time, her EZ Up, treats, and a welcoming smile to gain attention to the cause! All of us looking forward to seeing you again next year – same time, same place!

On a different note, we have a lot of changes happening in 2012. For those of you that follow the CRHA on FB you already know that our Executive Director of over 13 years, Liz Clements, has turned in her resignation. Her last day with us will be Dec. 31, 2011. She has played a MAJOR part in the running of the club. The board and you the membership have relied on her time and knowledge to get things done. This means the CRHA will become a solely volunteer based club next year, which equals the club **needs volunteers!** We are working on getting a strong, new and fresh board of directors in place at the moment, but please remember: You **do not** have to be a board member to volunteer your time to the club. There are several committees in place that are going to need help! We will get a list of the 2012 CRHA Board of Directors out to you as soon as we can so you have a contact list to call on with suggestions or to contact to see what you can do to help! I feel I should also announce that I have submitted my resignation as well and will not be acting as President

next year. I would like to thank all of you that have worked with me and supported me during the last two years. Due to my limited experience on the board before taking on the position, I relied on Liz a lot to help guide me and inform me of what we needed to do. I can't thank her enough for all she has done for me! I would also like to thank Roberta McCarty for always being there to offer advice, as she has a lot! I think she also deserves a thank you from the board as a whole, and the membership for stepping up in the clubs time of need. She did a ton of work to get the Challenge up and running, and worked a ton at the show itself. Thank you Liz and Roberta for teaching me so much during my term as CRHA President! It has been a good experience and I am glad I can say I donated my time to a great club and great group of people.

One last thing I would like to cover is to announce that the CRHA has a new fun competitive Year End Program in place for 2012! The full description, requirements, and rules will soon be posted on the CRHA website calreining.com. Trainers & Non Pros: Don't forget to check it out when discussing goals for 2012! The name of the Year End program will be 'CRHA Year End Reining Championships' and also includes a shootout that will be held at the 2012 Challenge titled 'CRHA Reiner of the Year'! We can't wait for you all to check it out and join in the fun next year!

Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to read this and I look forward to seeing everyone at the shows next year!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! – Amy Walden, 2011 CRHA President